

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Hon. Peter J. Visclosky
Chairman
Hon. Rodney P. Frelinghuysen
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
2362-b Rayburn H.O.B.
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for U.S.-Israel Energy Cooperation

Dear Chairman Visclosky and Ranking Member Frelinghuysen:



We are writing to request that the subcommittee provide \$5 million for implementation of the U.S.-Israel Energy Cooperative Agreement in the FY2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.

This funding will be utilized to implement Section 917 of the Energy Independence and Security Act, P.L. 110-140, and for implementation of the May 2008 agreement between the U.S. and Israel on alternative energy cooperation. The funding will provide for collaborative US and Israeli research and development efforts in the fields of alternative energy technologies and increased energy efficiency.

U.S. researchers will gain from collaborative efforts with Israeli colleagues to the benefit of both countries' efforts to reduce dependence on fossil fuels. We believe that access to Israeli expertise will significantly enhance U.S. efforts to develop alternative technologies and increase energy efficiency.

We thank you for your consideration and for your prior support of this program.

Sincerely,




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